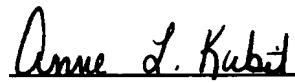


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 5, 2003, attorney for Applicant submits the subject amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116. This amendment is prepared to place the subject application in condition for allowance or, in the alternative, in a better form for appeal. Finally, applicant believes that the final rejection is premature and respectfully requests that his amendment be admitted for continued prosecution on the merits.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper